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Subject: Re: Cherry Point Draft Plan #2 Review

-For the benefit of you working stiffs let me tell you my recent adventure. 3/27 I went exploring at the new Whitehorn park on a -2.4 tide. I was happily making lists of marine algae and critters while 2 bald eagles soared overhead. I noticed the tide was turning but walked further toward the BP pier when I spotted a big something rolling in the surf. It was a dead grey whale. As I was walking back to the steps a woman came along who had seen it through binocs and had called the marine mammal stranding number and they were on their way. When I got to the parking lot 3 cars arrived from BP and Jeff Chalphant jumped out. I told them they had better hurry before the tide covered the hard sand and they would have to deal with those hard cobbles. I must say I have never seen a dead whale before. It was sad. On Wed. the B. Herald finally reported that the whale had probably died from a major trauma like the one off Camano.

Now about the Management plan#2.

P.11 -Jennifer Belcher PROPOSED to designate...no.. she ESTABLISHED... see timeline p.25

p. 18-a steep gradient COULD BE IMPORTANT.. .It IS important to marine diversity

p. 19- I like the sentence that the emphasis is on protection and enhancement rather than restoration.

Kudos to whoever wrote the section on climate change..It is greatly improved.

p.34.the Cherry Point saltmarsh, LOCATED @ GULF RD., This location from draft #1 needs to be

put back in for geographic accuracy. Why was it omitted from draft #2?

p.56-4.4.4- The section on crab was way too skimpy.P. 33 just mentions that CherryPt. supports a

Dungeness crab fishery but they seem to have left out from draft#1 p. 127 Kyte's report pp 2 under

Benthic that "80% of the Dungeness catch occurs between Hale Passage and Birch Bay."

Why was

this omitted?

p. 89-Cherry Pt. herring should be protected through careful management. How will this be accomplished?

p. 109-Table 6 on my computer print out looks like Arabic. Is that how computers are at times?

p.100 -POTENTIAL stormwater impacts from a proposed cargo terminal. Give me a break!

p. 111-Dry cargo vessels have the highest accident rates... Shipping Co's MITIGATE these risks....HOW?

P. 141- What does SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE mean?

p. 141-Under future leasespp1- Why was the sentence"DNR will approve only proposals that cause NO further

SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION of Cherry Pt. ecosystem removed? see p. 64- draft #1

p. 141- 8.1.2 Modification of existing facilities . There is no discussion of future economic changes,and

alternate uses of existing docks.

That is about it for now. Marie